Situation on India-Pakistan borders

1151. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's latest assessment of the situation on India-Pakistan borders; and

(b) what steps have been taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The tension which had developed along the India-Pakistan borders, in January this year, because of Pakistan moving the bulk of its forces close to the border is gradually de-escalating as a result of the agreement reached between the two countries in official level talks.

Projects for West Bengal, Haryana and Kerala

1152. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had recently announced the clearance of some important projects for West Bengal, Haryana and Kerala with financial commitment running into several hundered crores;

(b) if so, whether these projects have since been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan and in the annual plans of the States for the year 1987-88; and

(c) if not, what is the status of those projects and the sources of the funds available for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister had recently announced packges of projects for some States including West Bengal, Haryana and Kerala. The announcements included programmes within the purview of financial Institutions and Plan non-Plan schemes of Central and State Governments.

Demand for liberal concessions by Non-resident Indians

1153. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pealsed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Resident Indians have recently raised demands for some liberal concessions so that they could participate freely in the country's development;

(b) if so, what are the details of the demands; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) Demands made by Non-Resident Indians for more concessions and incentives to make investment in India are examined on a continuous basis and suitable changes effected in the NRI investment policy and procedure wherever necessary.

1154. [*Transferred to the 10th March, 1987*].

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1155. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have under consideration a